

Quarterly "Cowboy Dustoff" Newsletter



Promotions:

SGT Sallee
SSG Turk
CW4 Buzzard
SGT Gilmore (Mar)
SGT Parker

Congratulations!

New living quarters

Every one now has new living quarters. We are in two separate locations, but most agree the quarters are much more quiet and better air conditioned than the variety of other places we have stayed. Cross your fingers, we have been told we will not be moved any more.



*Here are a few shots of 1LT
Castillon's and CW3
Recore's room:*



*And here are a few shots of
SFC Stanfill's and SSG
Lavery's room.*

With Surge over, Injuries are down.

With the huge influx of fresh troops moving in to Iraq through camps in Kuwait, and similar numbers moving through to redeploy home, we here at the MedEvac stayed quite busy in March and some of April. Now the surge is complete and injuries have slowed way down. This, of course, is good news for troops on the ground in Kuwait. Our numbers of actual medevacs is correspondingly down, again, good news for troops, so it is hard to wish for anything else.

We keep right on training, despite the low number of actual medevacs. This demanding environment requires us to stay on our toes.



With the arrival of our aircraft last month, we had a surge of our own. Maintenance has been busting their humps to get our aircraft mission ready and Maine's aircraft boat ready. Good job guys.



Every one chipped in at the port, unloading our aircraft, and later washing and delivering Maine's aircraft. Several very long days, kudos to all those who participated. Yet, as we all know, amidst all the hard work we have fun together and keep each other sanefor the most part. Here are few more pictures from port.....



*Please let this aircraft work...
Enchilada.*



*Safety first, don't forget your
eye protection.*



*That was fun! Can we come
back tomorrow?*

Company Picnics

We have started having company BBQ's in Doha. It takes place around the middle of the month. We grill up hamburgers, dogs, brats and a few steaks for a supper together. It also seems a natural place to celebrate the monthly birthdays with a cake.



Training the Force

As of a few days ago, **over a thousand** troops have been trained by our crews in MedEvac operations and litter loading. Good job medics and crew chiefs!



These soldiers will be a lot more effective when their buddy gets injured.

PT – Everyone is Getting in the Act

With such great facilities at Camp Doha, it seems no one can resist at least a moderate physical training regimen. There are, of course, some folks jumping in with both feet into very rigorous programs.

Intramural Sports are Worth Squeezing in.

The volleyball season finished up in April with a 0-15 record.

Now softball league is in full swing. So far our team's record is 3-8 with a few more games to go. Good luck in the rest of the season!

Care Packages

We received oodles of care packages, delivered by the WYANG. They were packaged by the Wyoming Family Support Group volunteers. They were full of goodies, games, books, letter writing material, and various other supplies and nick nacks. We have also received packages from families of our soldiers, thank you so much we enjoy them all.

Thank you for all of the letters and cards.

We have received lots of letters and cards from our families and friends, as well as school classes and church groups. They are all appreciated so much. Mail is like gold around here. Never underestimate the power of a letter. Keep them coming.



As always we have left out a lot of what the unit does because of OPSEC considerations. Here is a picture of the "no" picture signs posted all over camp.

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